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DIGITAL REALM!

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Where Nicole, the artificial intelligence, is finally confronted by a mysterious being ...



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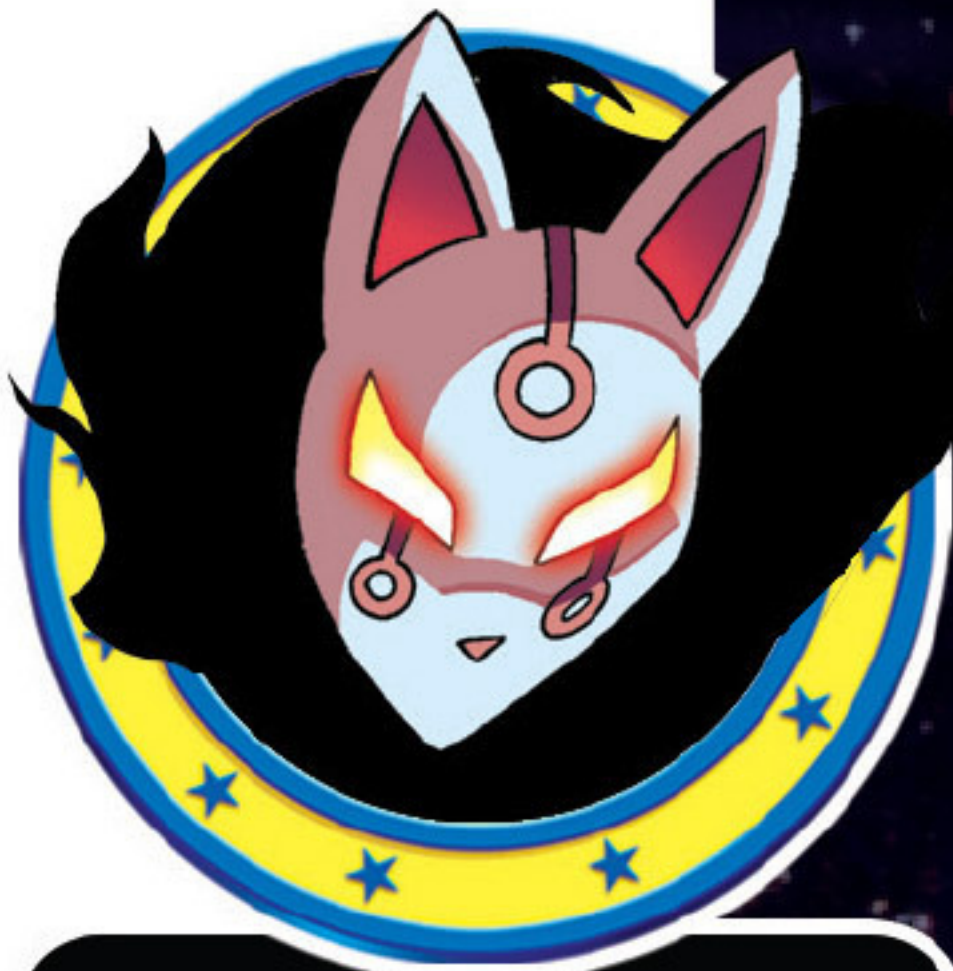
**PRINCESS
SALLY ACORN**
FREEDOM FIGHTER LEADER



**NICOLE THE
HOLO-LYNX**
ADVANCED A.I.



DR. ELLIDY
NICOLE'S CREATOR



PHAGE
ALL-CONSUMING A.I.

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PREVIOUSLY...

A VICIOUS VIRUS

Phage, Dr. Eggman's rogue A.I., is out to steal the mysterious Red Star Rings and a nearby Chaos Emerald from Isolated Island. She's taken over Dr. Ellidy's computer system, and now the island is overrun by vicious robots!

With Nicole at Phage's mercy, Princess Sally uses the Digitizer to access the system and attempt

to stop the threat at its source --

**before
it's too
late...**



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THE DIGITAL WORLD,
WITHIN THE COMPUTER
SYSTEM OF DR. ELLIDY...

I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
THINKER.

A STRATEGIST.

A TACTICIAN!

NOW YOU'RE
BOTH MINE TO
EXAMINE!

TO TAKE
APART!

TO ABSORB!

NICOLE--
RUN!

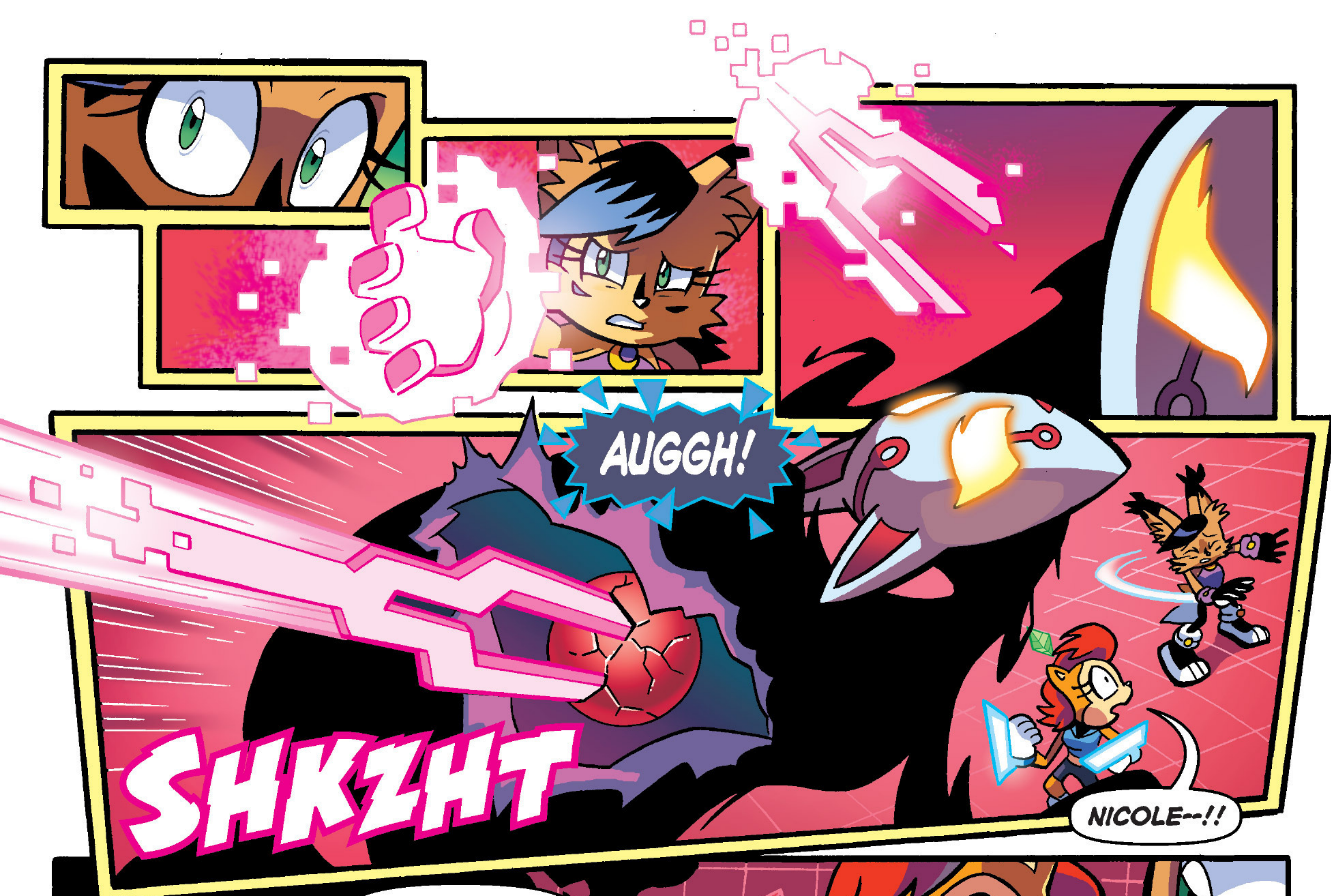
GET OUT OF
THE SYSTEM!

SPARK OF LIFE

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I'LL
TEAR YOU
DOWN TO THE
LAST BIT OF
CODING!!

GRRRRAAAAAAAAAAUUUUGH!!

...SO DID
NOT SEE THIS
COMING...

OKAY, SPLIT UP!
ESCAPE TO YOUR
COMPUTER! I'LL
GET OUT VIA THE
DIGITIZER, AND
WE'LL SHUT EVERY-
THING DOWN AND
TAKE THIS
MONSTER
WITH IT!

NICOLE??
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?

MEANWHILE, IN THE
REAL WORLD...

THERE!
THERE! WE
MADE IT!

LET'S FIND THE
CHAOS EMERALDS
BEFORE PHAGE'S
BADNIKS CATCH
UP!

AND THOSE
DARK GAIA
MONSTERS...

THOSE
TOO.

...WHERE
DO WE
START?

IN THE
LAKE?

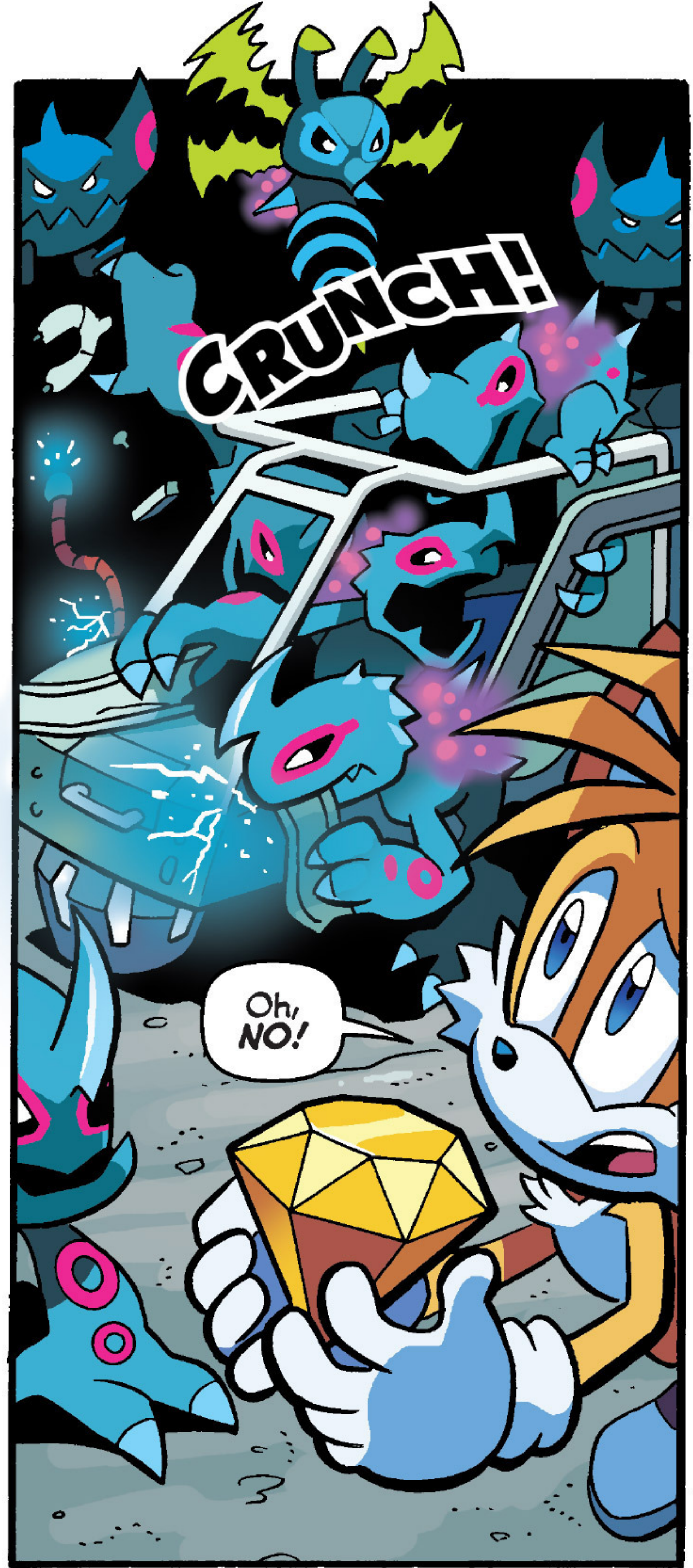
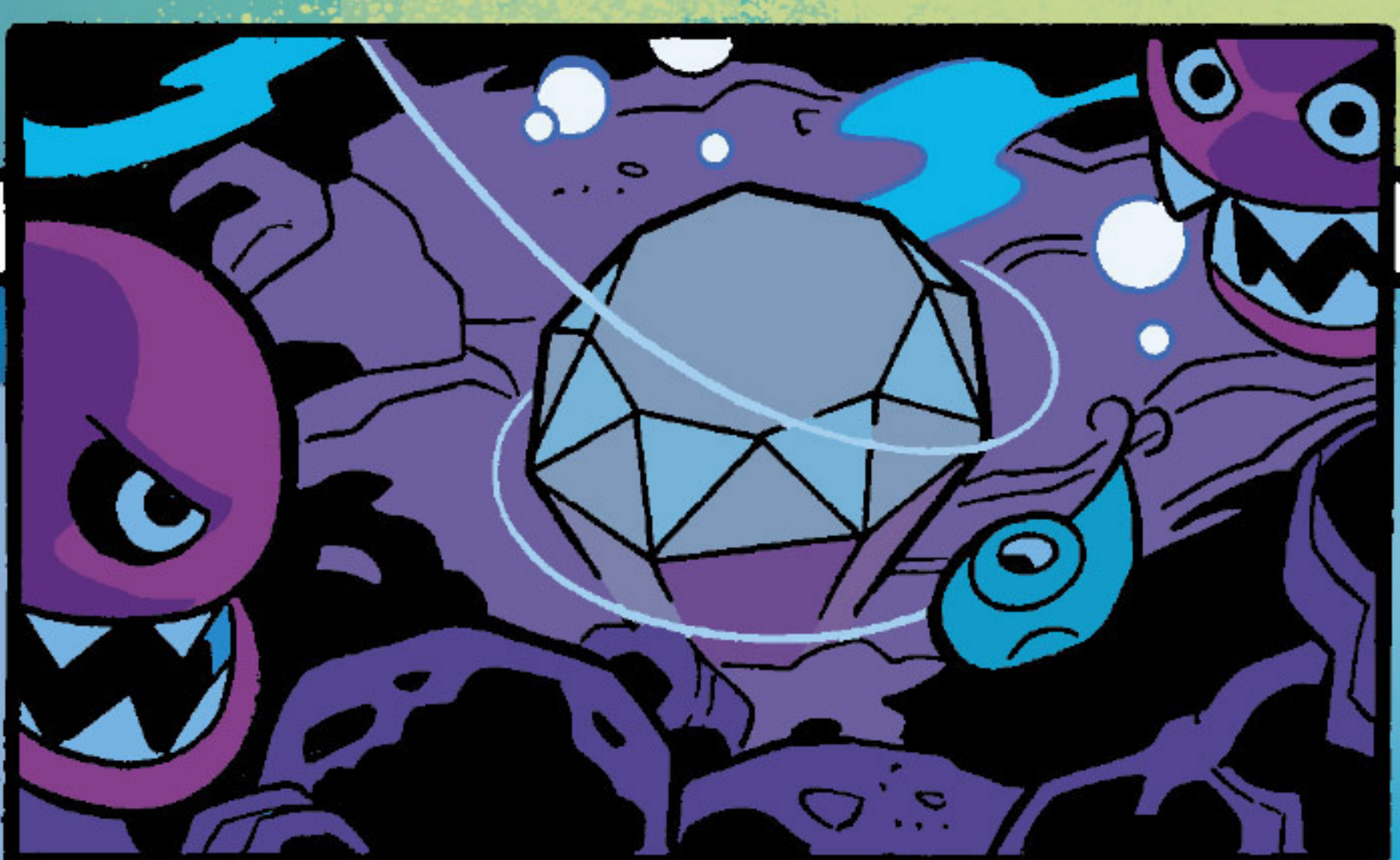
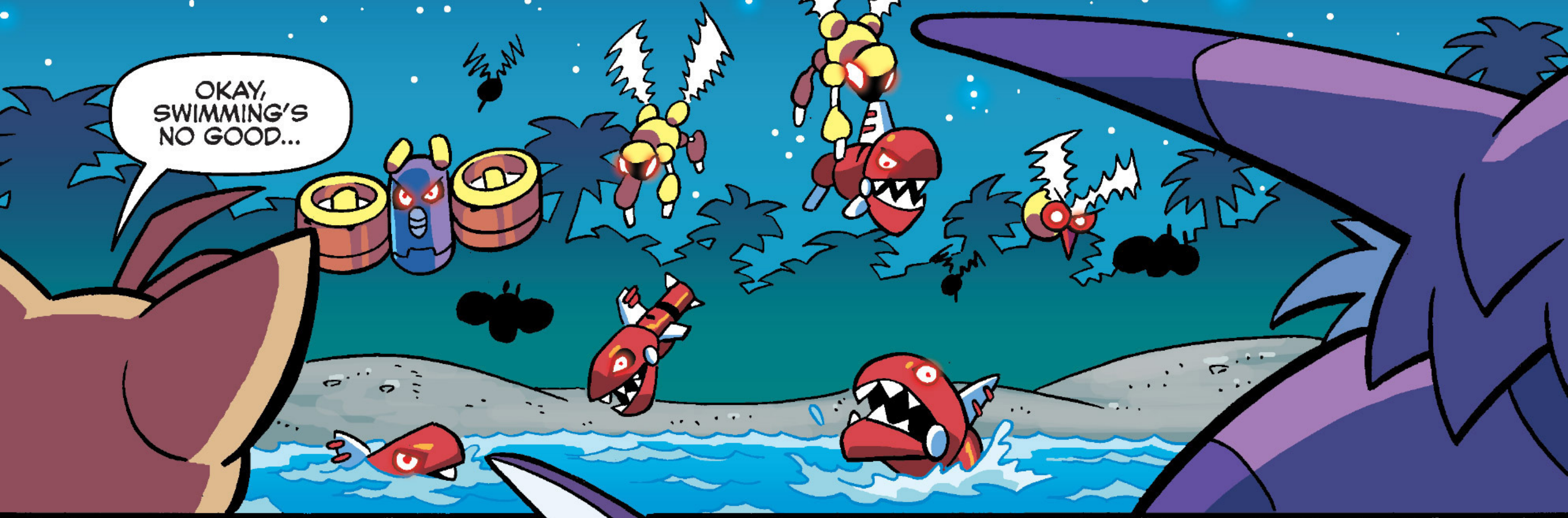
THAT...
ACTUALLY
SEEMS TO
BE THE
CASE.

YAY! I'M A
GENIUS!

HERE,
I'LL GO
TAKE--

Huh?!

GAH!



MEANWHILE...



WHAT WERE YOU THINKING? WE WERE SUPPOSED TO SPLIT UP!

YOU DID IT AGAIN! PUTTING YOURSELF IN DANGER--

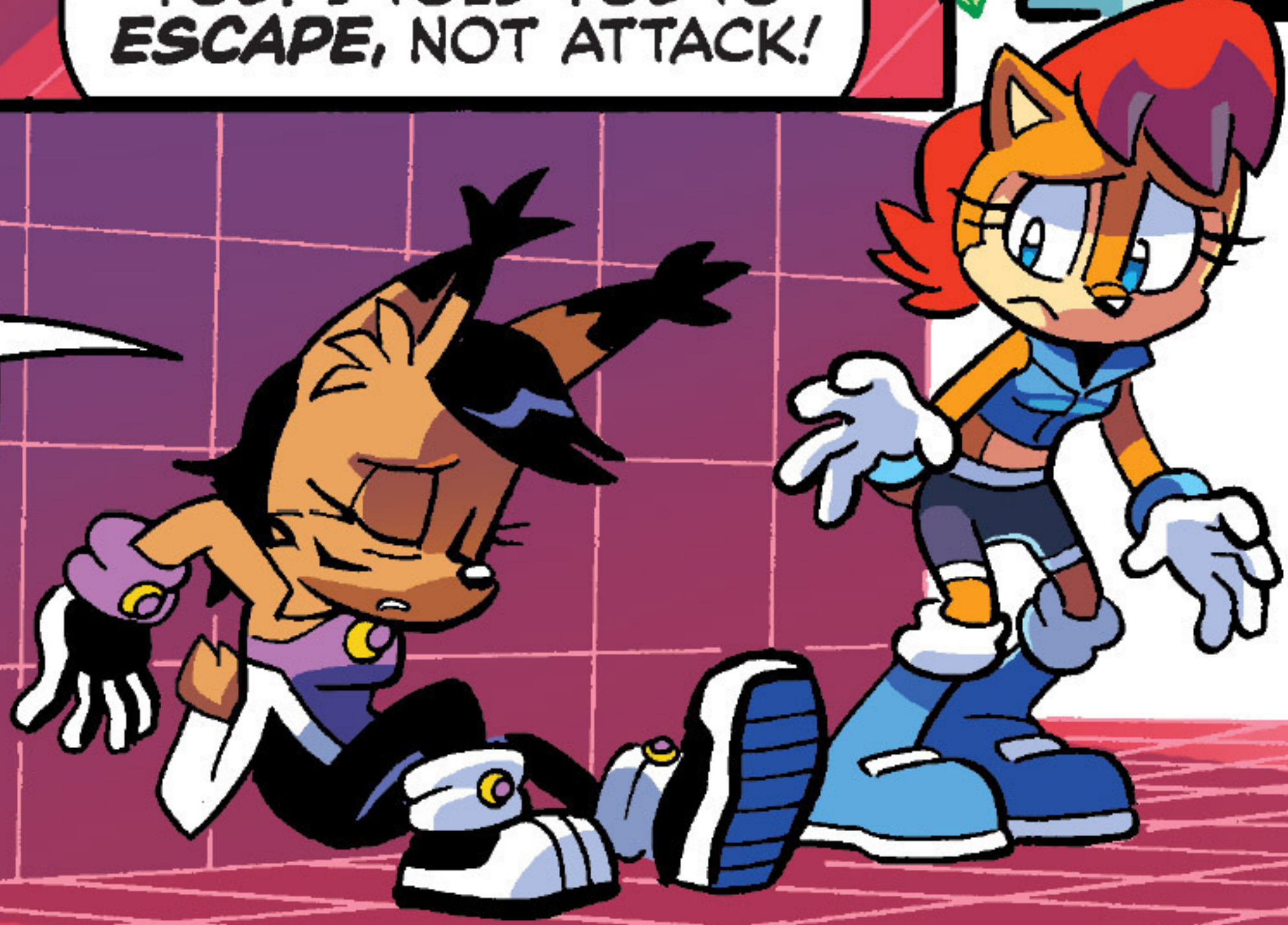
WHAT ABOUT YOU? I TOLD YOU TO **ESCAPE**, NOT **ATTACK**!



ESCAPE TO **WHERE?** I CAN'T REACH MY COMPUTER. DON'T YOU THINK I TRIED?

PHAGE WOULDN'T LET ME.

...BUT THAT'S THE LOGICAL EXPLANATION. IT'S NOT THE **REAL** ONE.



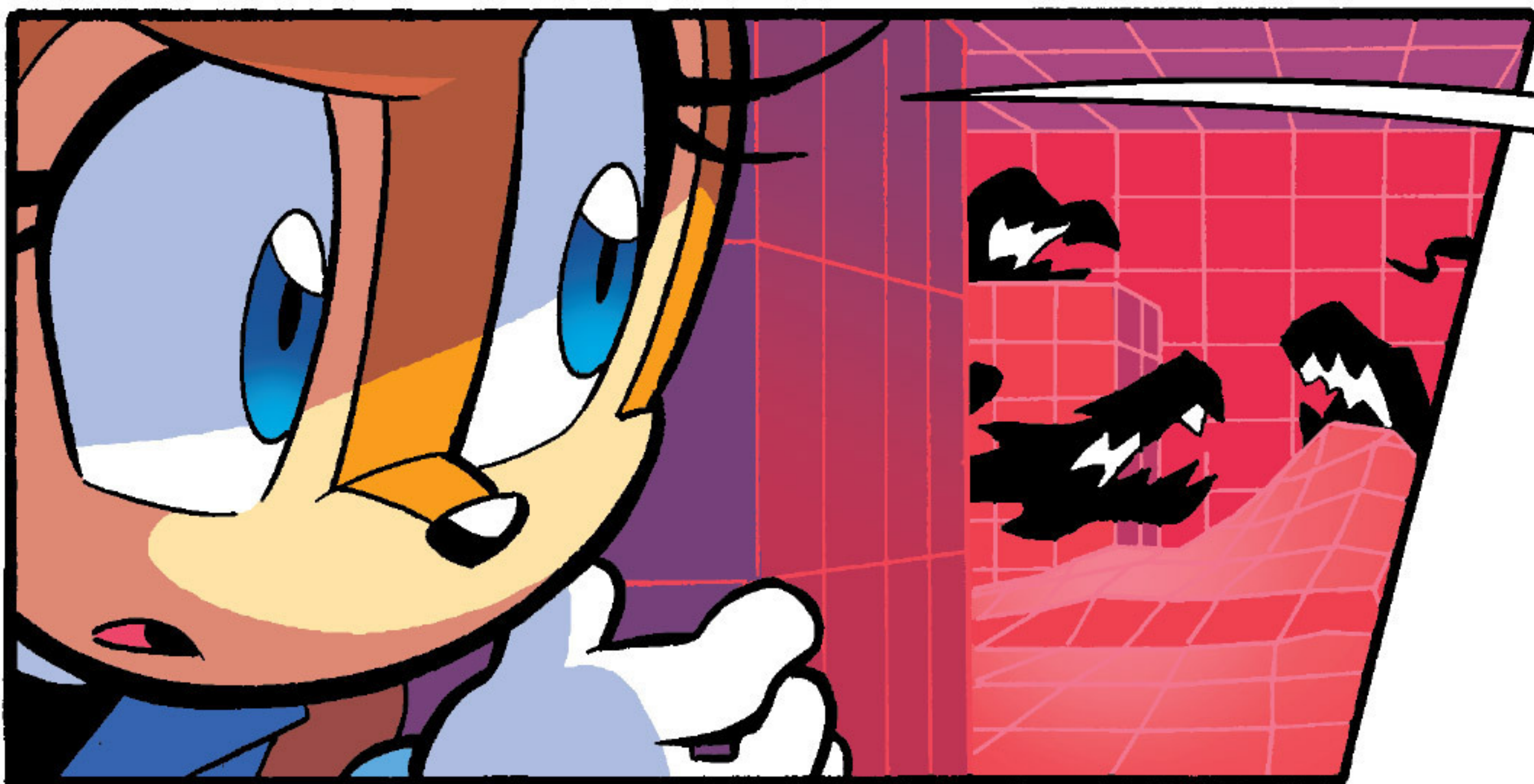
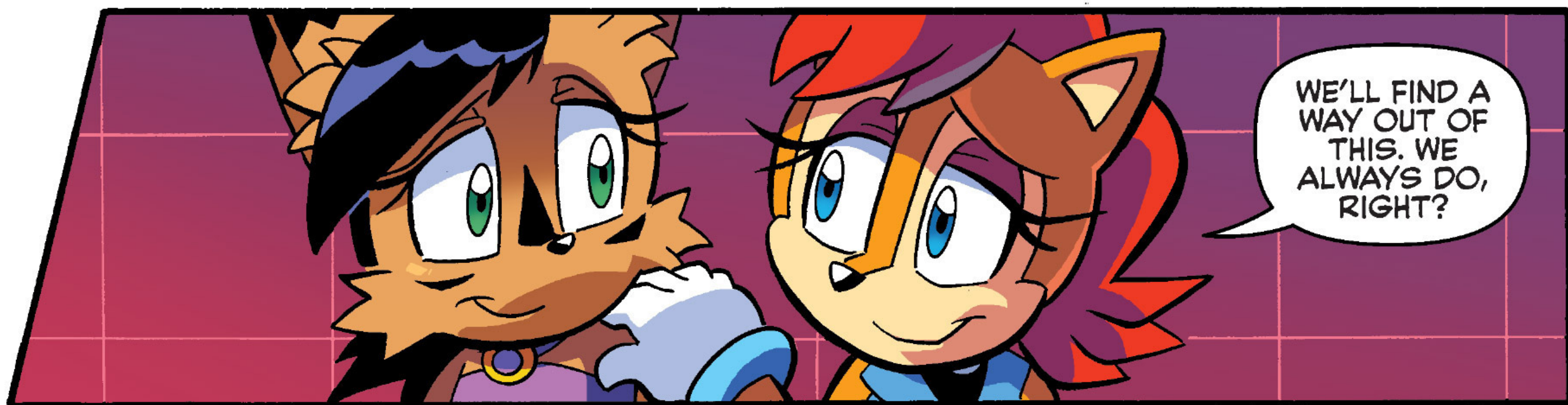
I DIDN'T RUN BECAUSE I COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING YOU TO GET HURT. I ACTED...



RECKLESSLY.

...YES. I SUPPOSE SO.

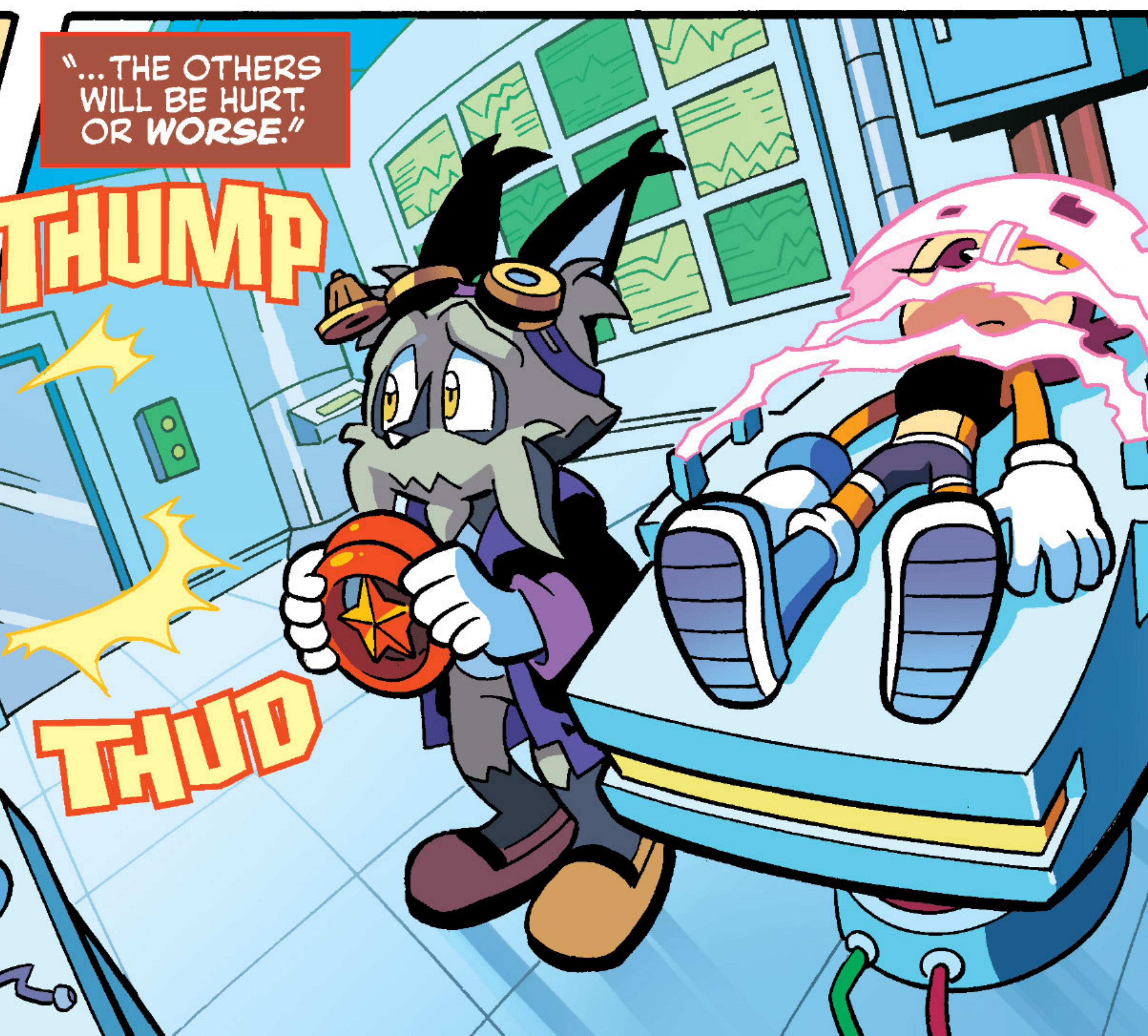
I DON'T EVEN **LIKE** FIGHTING...



URGH, IF I COULD JUST FLY LIKE YOU DID BACK THERE...!

SALLY, THE DIGITIZER INTERPRETS THE SYSTEM IN A WAY THAT YOUR MIND CAN UNDERSTAND.

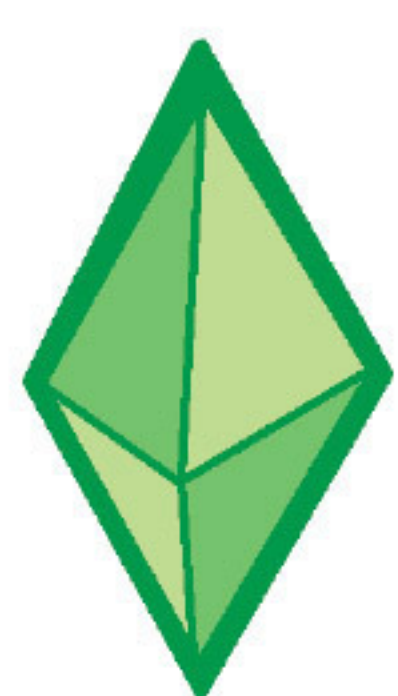
IN HERE, YOU **COULD** FLY, BUT YOU DON'T **BELIEVE** YOU SHOULD BE **ABLE** TO DO SO.





OKAY, SO PHAGE HAS PREVENTED EITHER OF US FROM GETTING OUT THE WAY WE CAME IN...WHAT ABOUT THE DIGITAL WORLD?

IT'S STILL CONNECTED TO THIS SYSTEM, BUT TO WHAT END? YOU CAN'T SURVIVE IN ANY DIGITAL WORLD INDEFINITELY, AND PHAGE WILL JUST FOLLOW US ANYWAY.



NOT "US." ME.



YOU CAN'T--!

I'M NOT! TRUST ME. EARLIER, TAILS WAS PLAYING WITH SOMETHING IN THE LAB... ONE OF DR. ELLIDY'S RING INVENTIONS...

I NEED YOU TO RECREATE IT HERE FOR US.



I HAVE A PLAN.

WHERE ARE
YOU, YOU LITTLE
WRETCHES?!

BRATS!

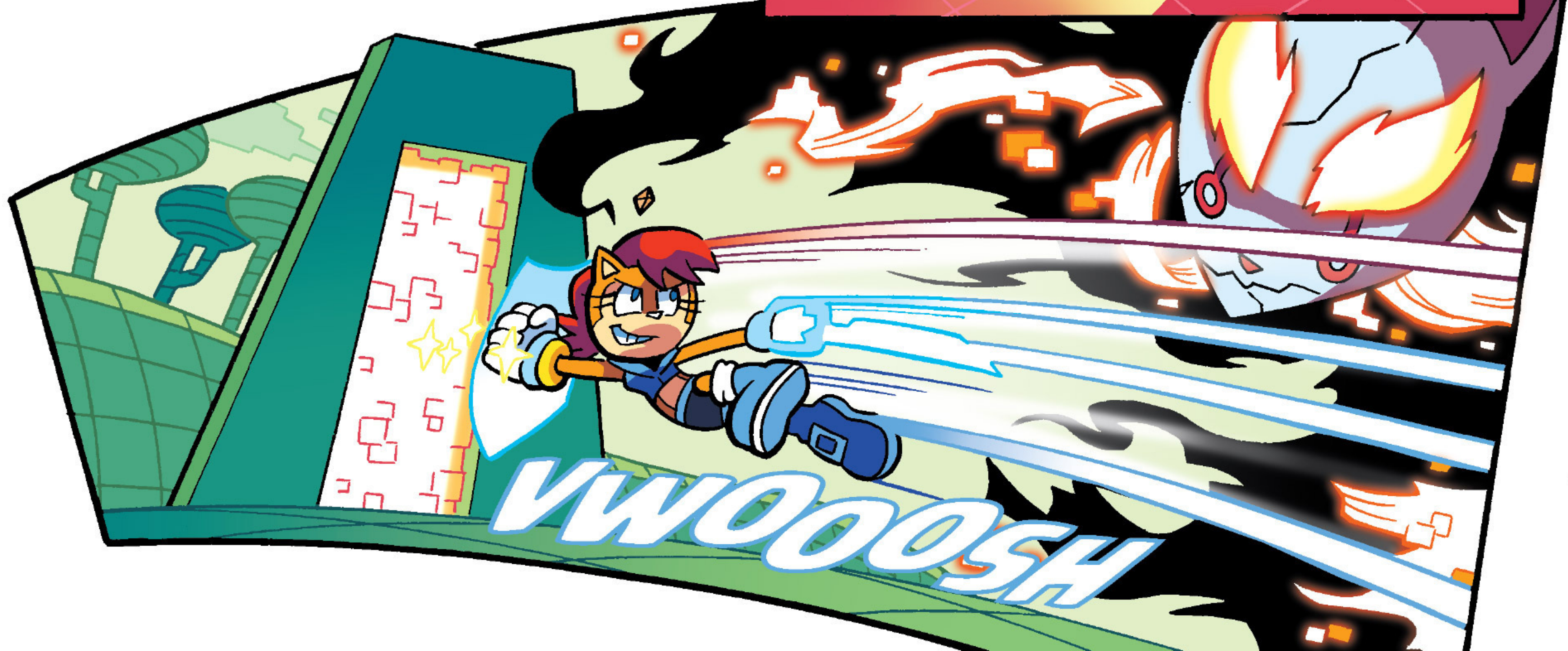
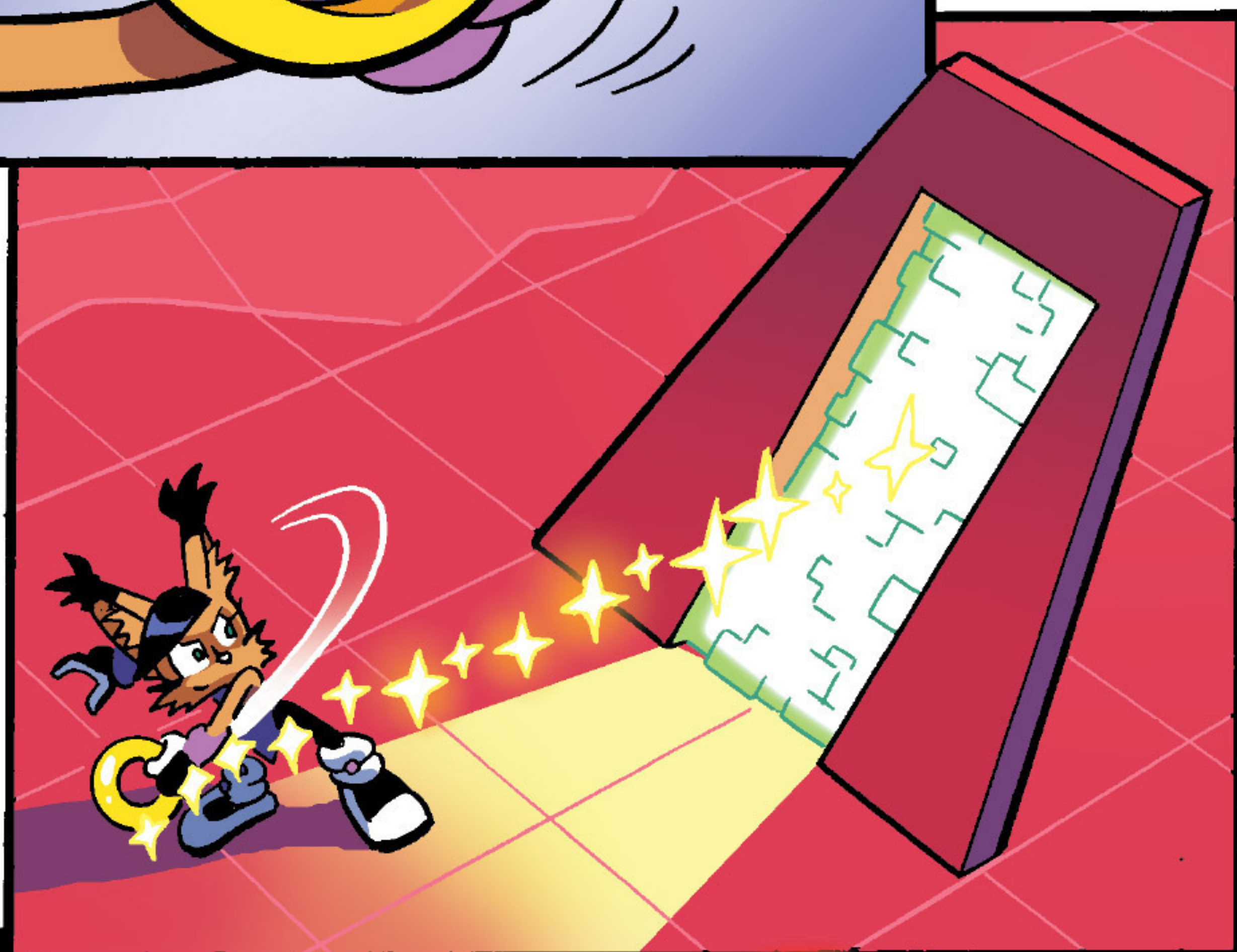
SCOUNDRELS!

ACTUALLY, IT'S
"PRINCESS!"

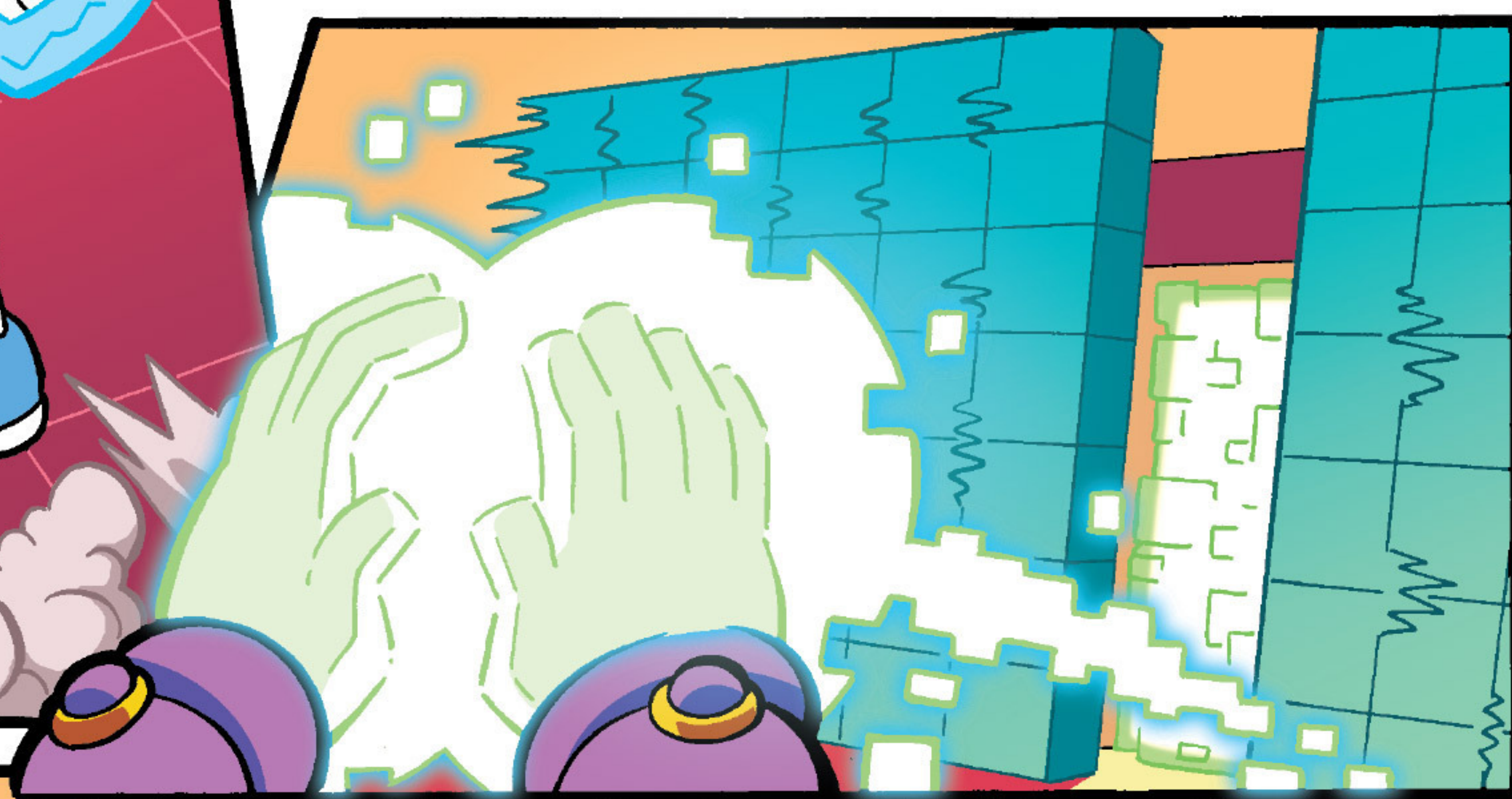
YOU!

YOU MISSED
YOUR CHANCE TO PULL
APART DR. ELLIDY'S
CODING,* AND YOU'RE
NOT GOING TO GET
ME, EITHER!

C'MOOOONNN...
THIS ISN'T THE REAL
WORLD, I SHOULD BE AS
FAST AS SONIC IF I WANT
TO BE...! STUPID OVERLY-
LOGICAL BRAIN!



IF WE CAN'T FIGHT YOU,
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO
KICK YOU OUT!

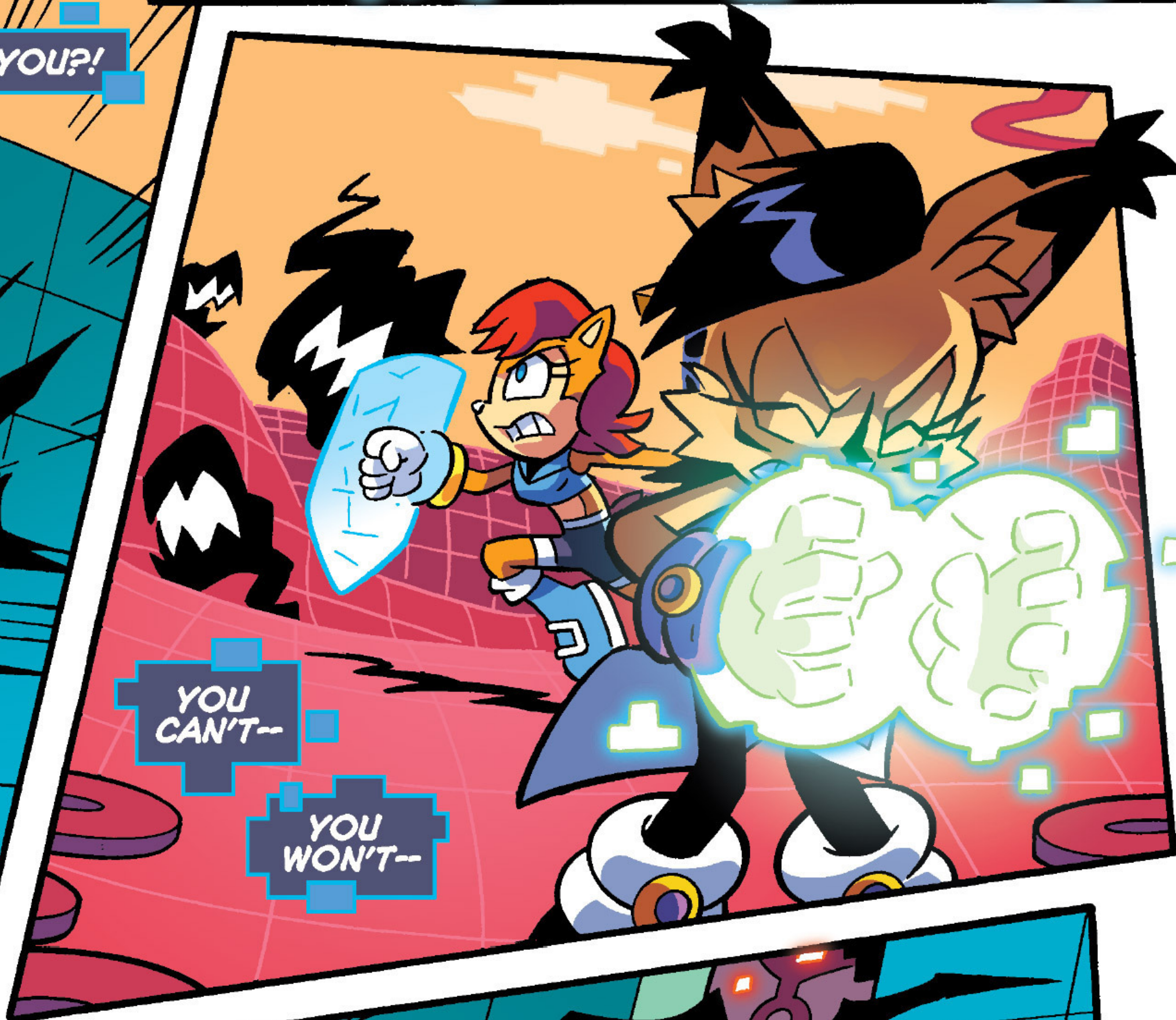


HOW DARE YOU?!

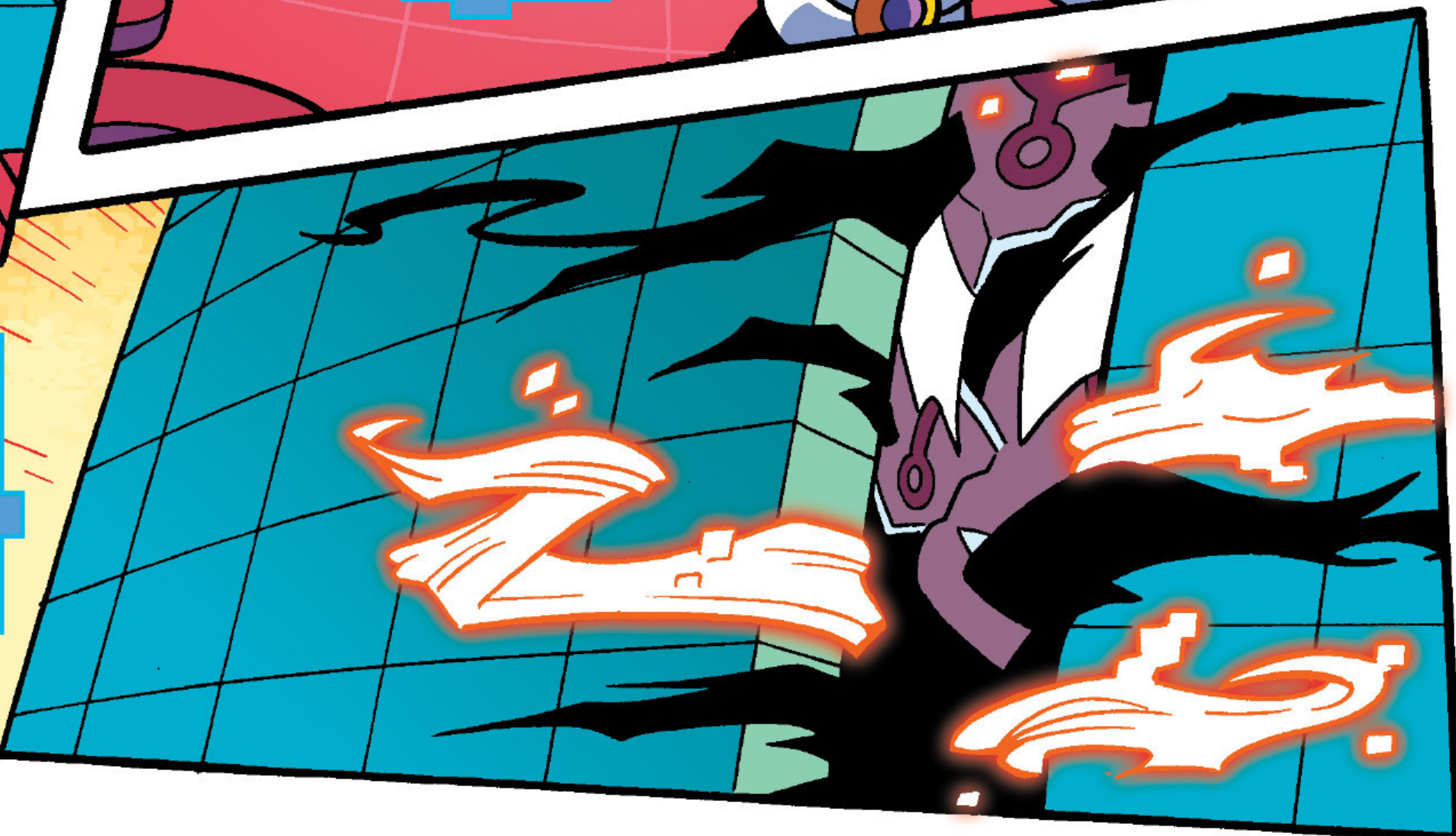


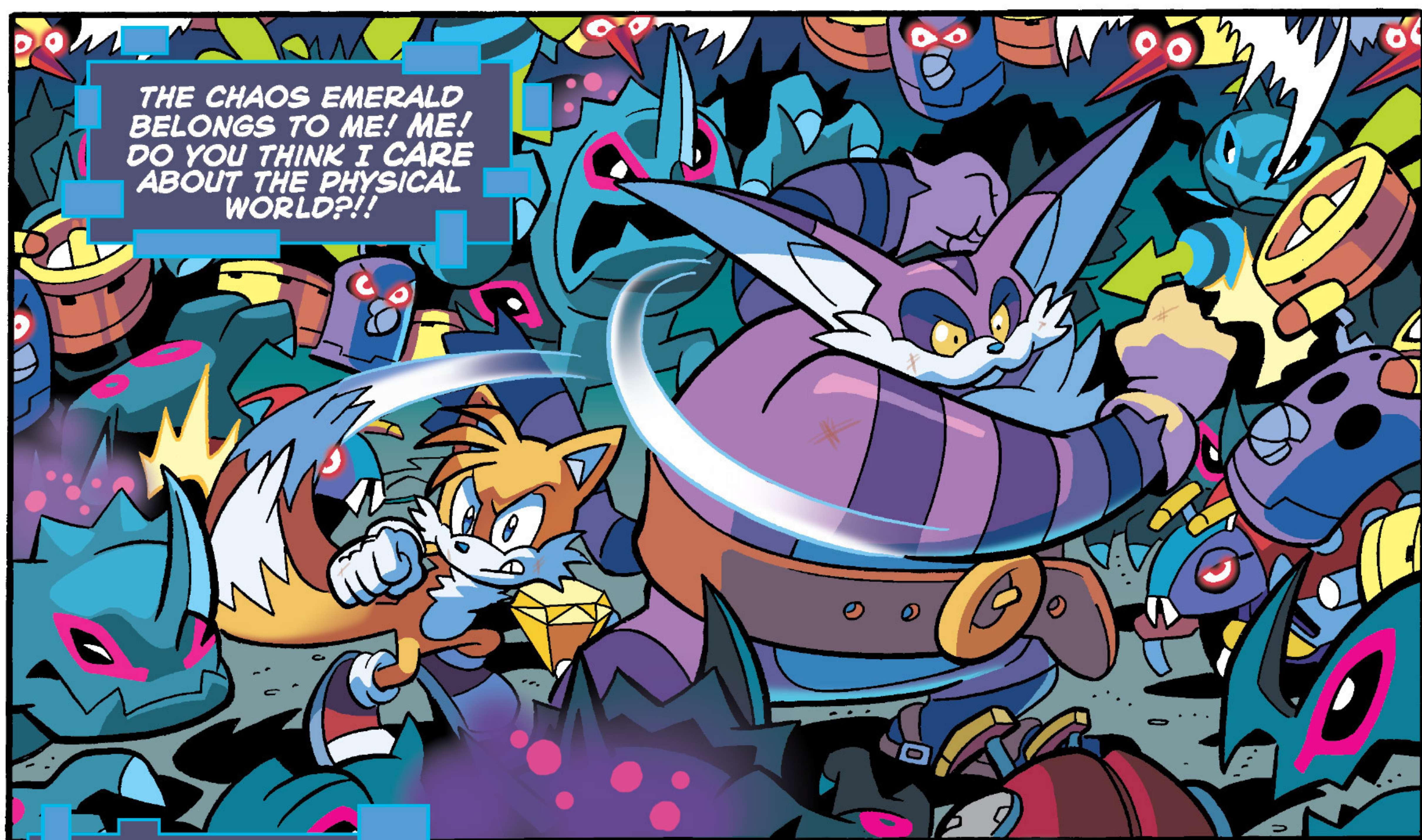
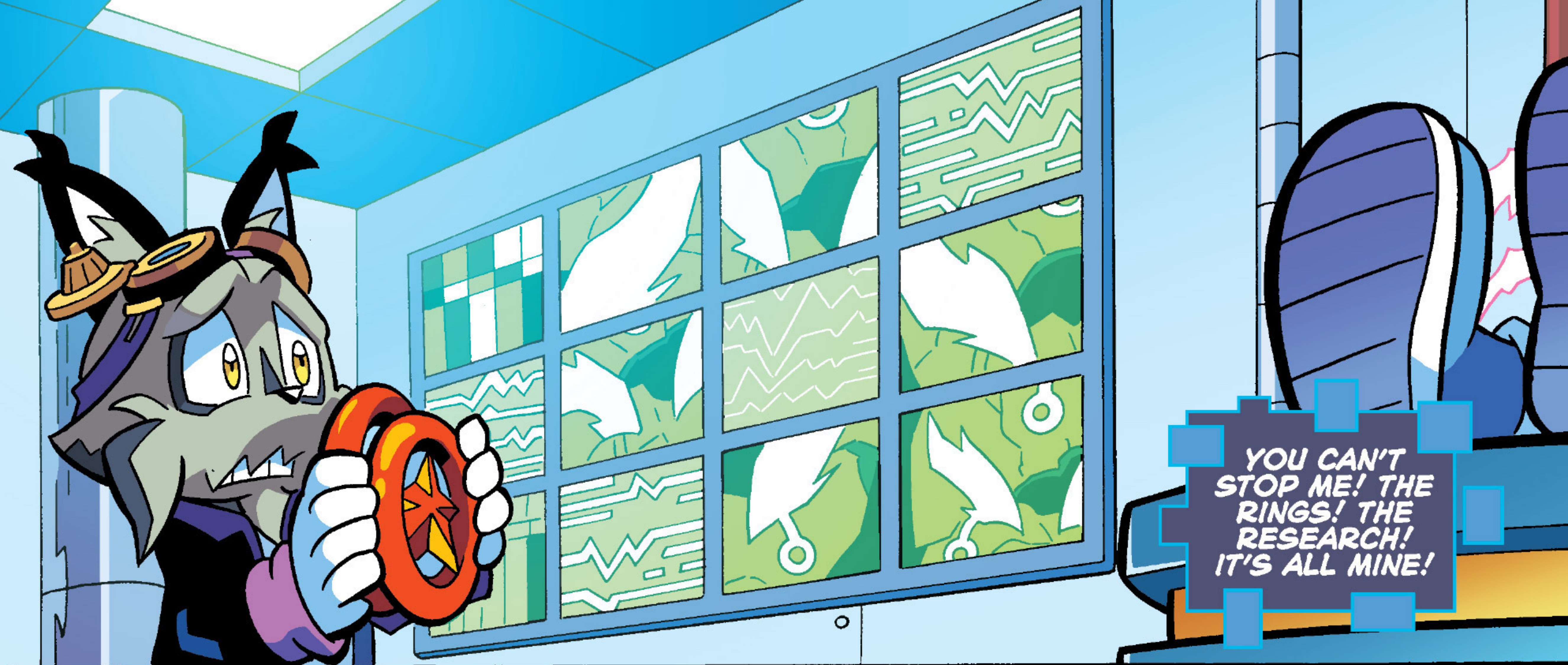
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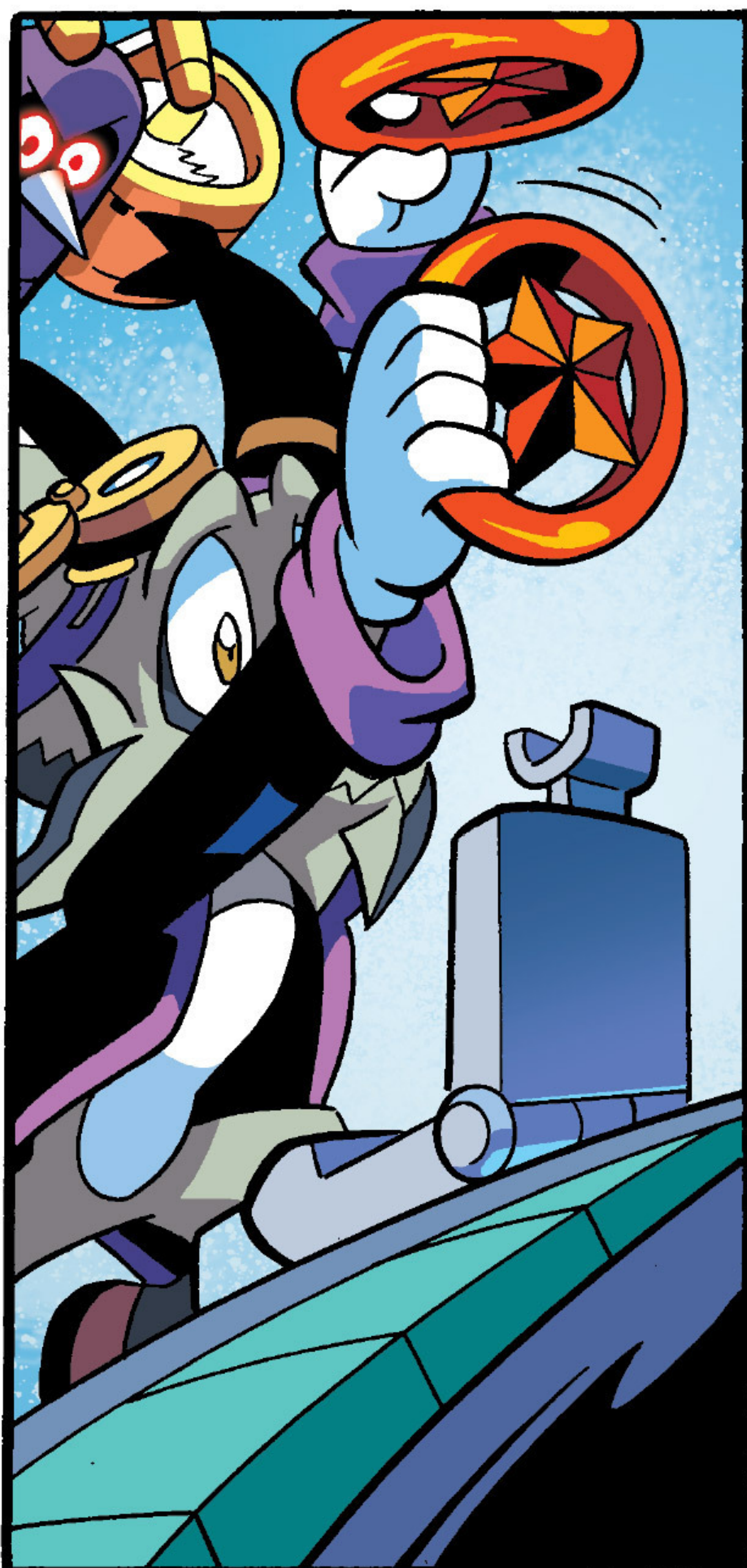
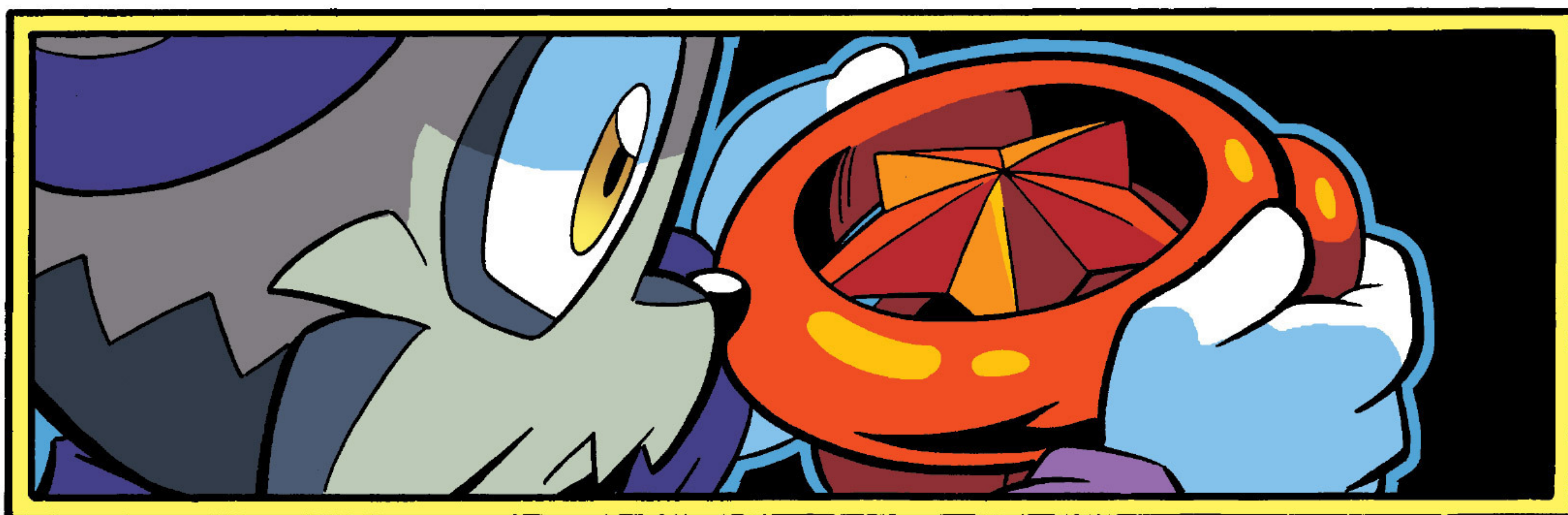
YOU
WON'T--



YOU'RE
OUTDATED!
EVEN DAMAGED,
I'M FASTER
THAN YOU!
STRONGER!









Oh.

OVERCLOCKED
NICOLE



THAT POWER...
THAT RED STAR
RING...! THAT'S
SUPPOSED TO
BE MINE!!

VWOOSH

NO.
IT'S NOT.

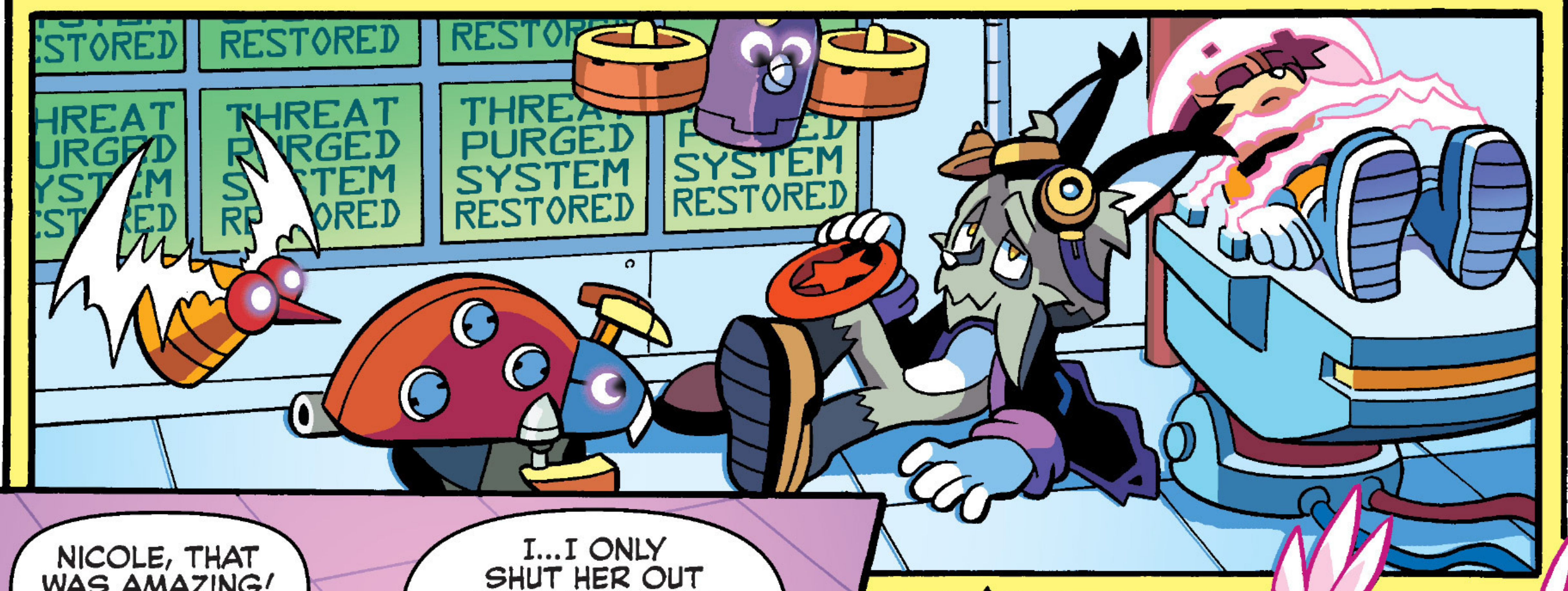
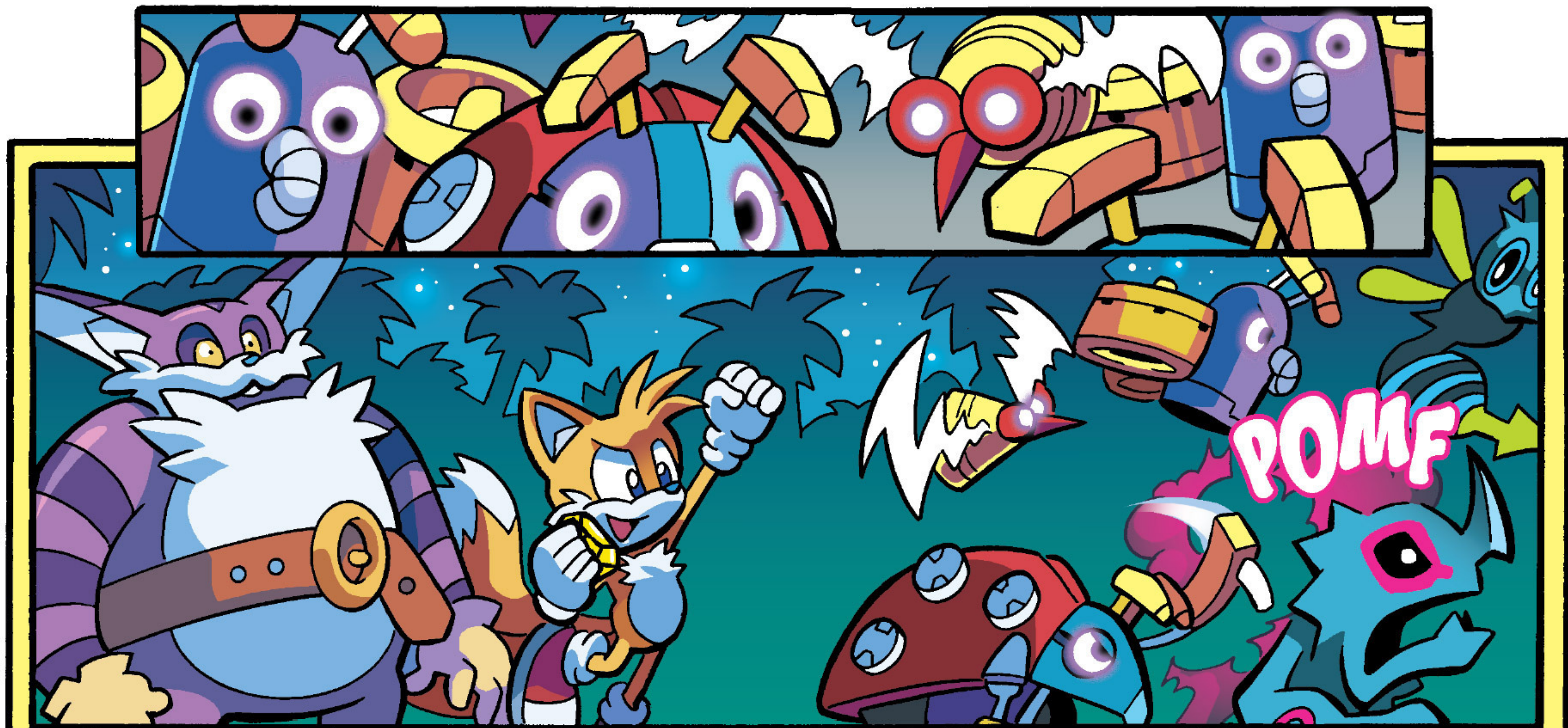
AND
YOU'RE
NOT
WELCOME
HERE.

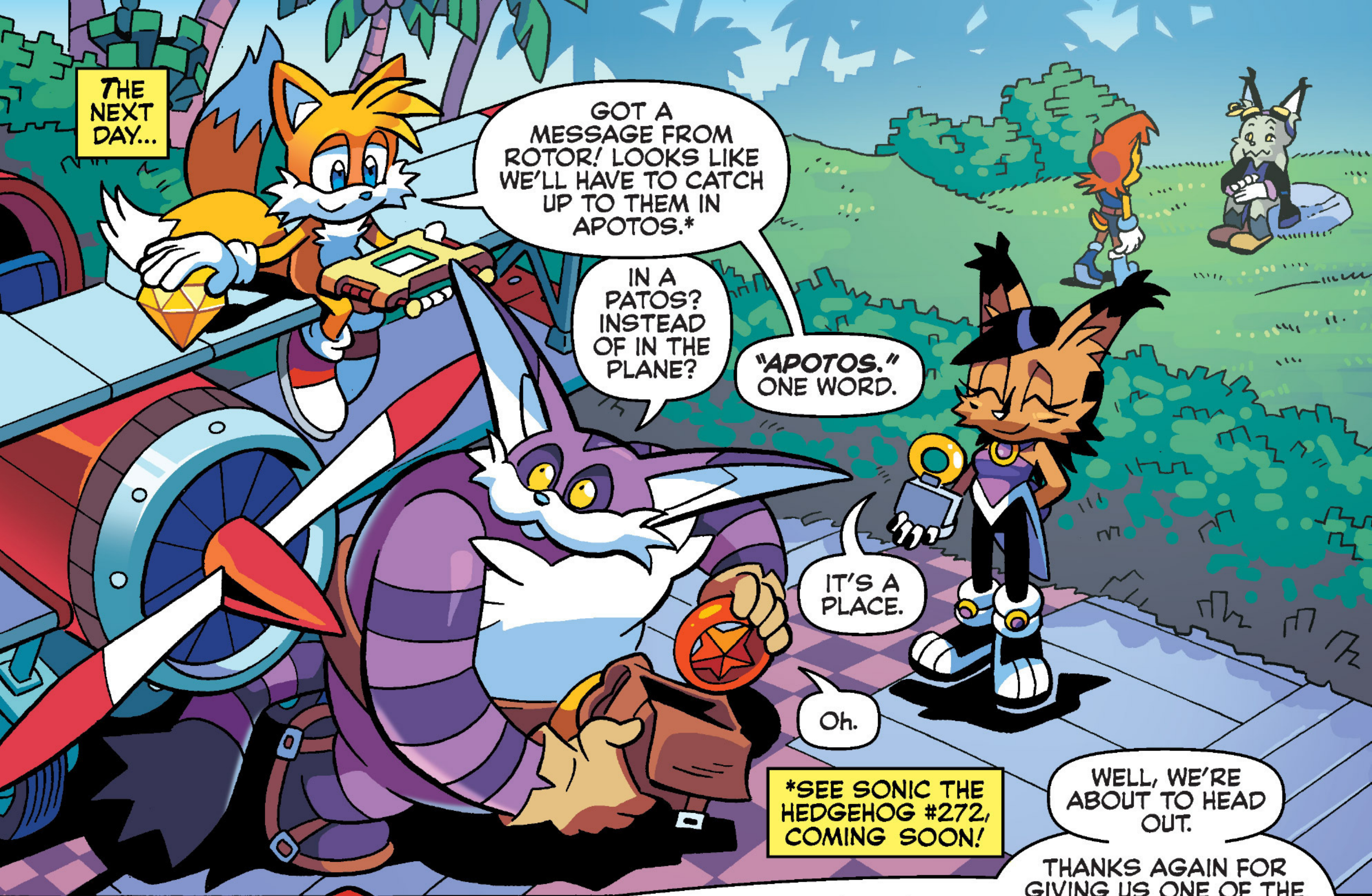
NOW...

KA-CHUNG

GET.

OUT!





THE NEXT DAY...

GOT A MESSAGE FROM ROTOR! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO CATCH UP TO THEM IN APOTOS.*

IN A PATOS? INSTEAD OF IN THE PLANE?

"APOTOS." ONE WORD.

IT'S A PLACE.

Oh.

*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #272, COMING SOON!

WELL, WE'RE ABOUT TO HEAD OUT.

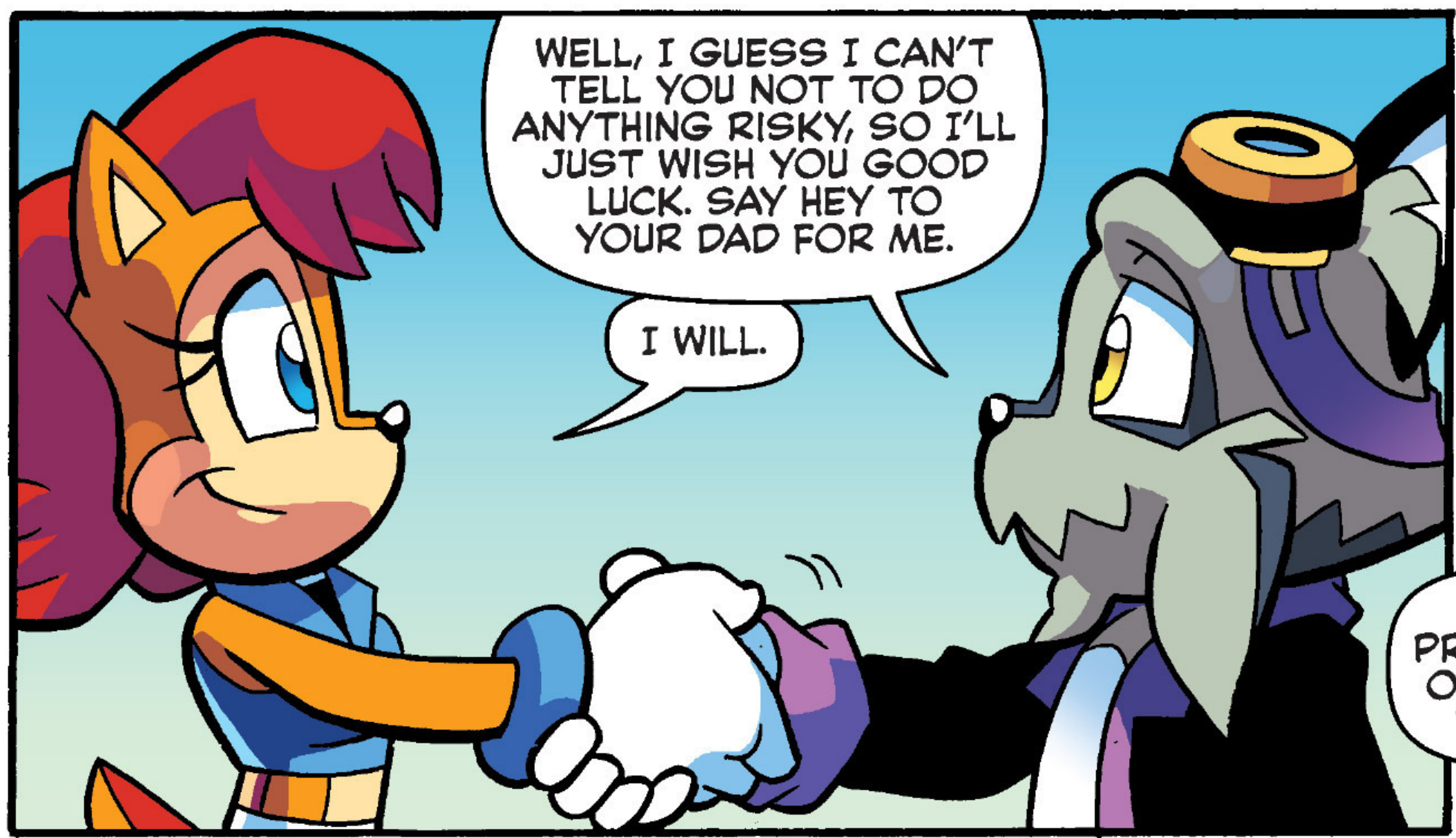
THANKS AGAIN FOR GIVING US ONE OF THE RED STAR RINGS. WHEN I SAID NICOLE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE ONE,** I DIDN'T THINK SHE'D END UP SAVING US WITH IT!

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I'M SURE YOU'LL PUT IT TO GOOD USE, SAVING THE WORLD AND ALL...

...Heh...IMAGINE, A CHAOS EMERALD--HERE--RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE. AND I COULDN'T TELL WHY THE RED STAR RINGS WERE FORMING...MAYBE I OUGHT TO RETIRE FOR GOOD!



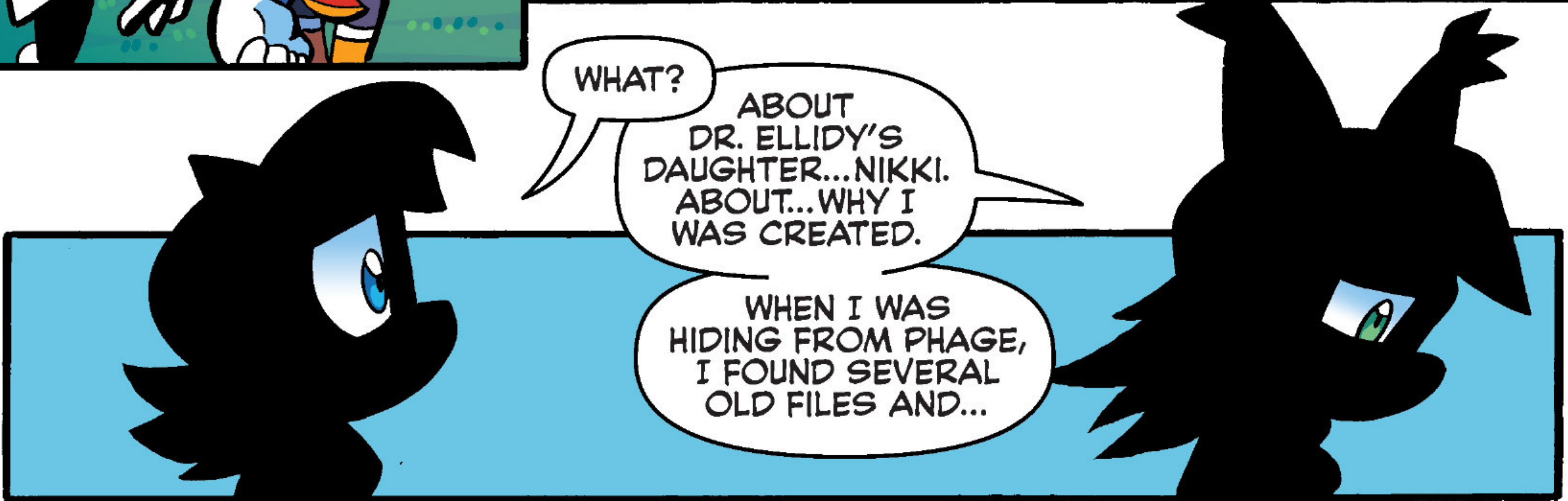
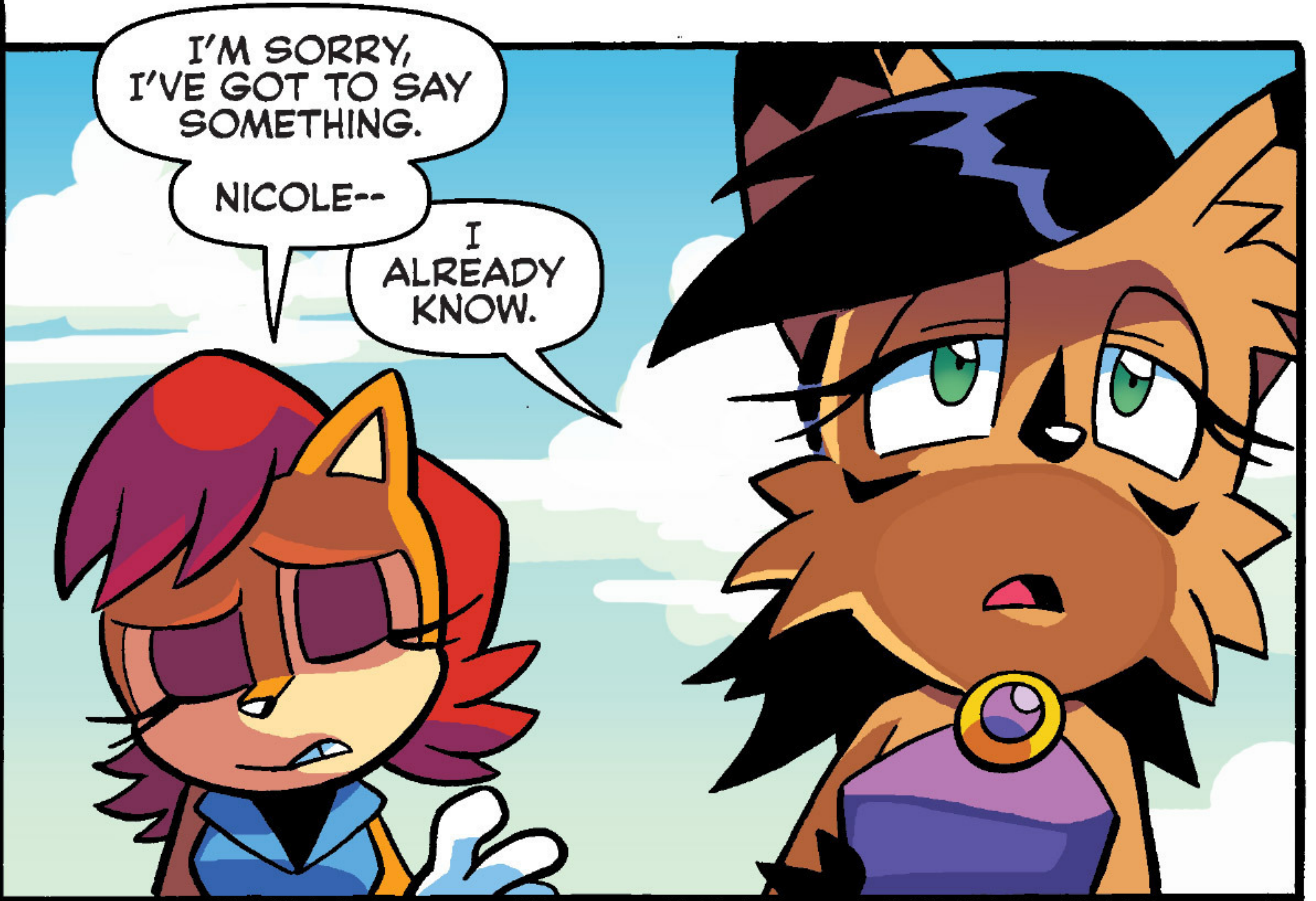
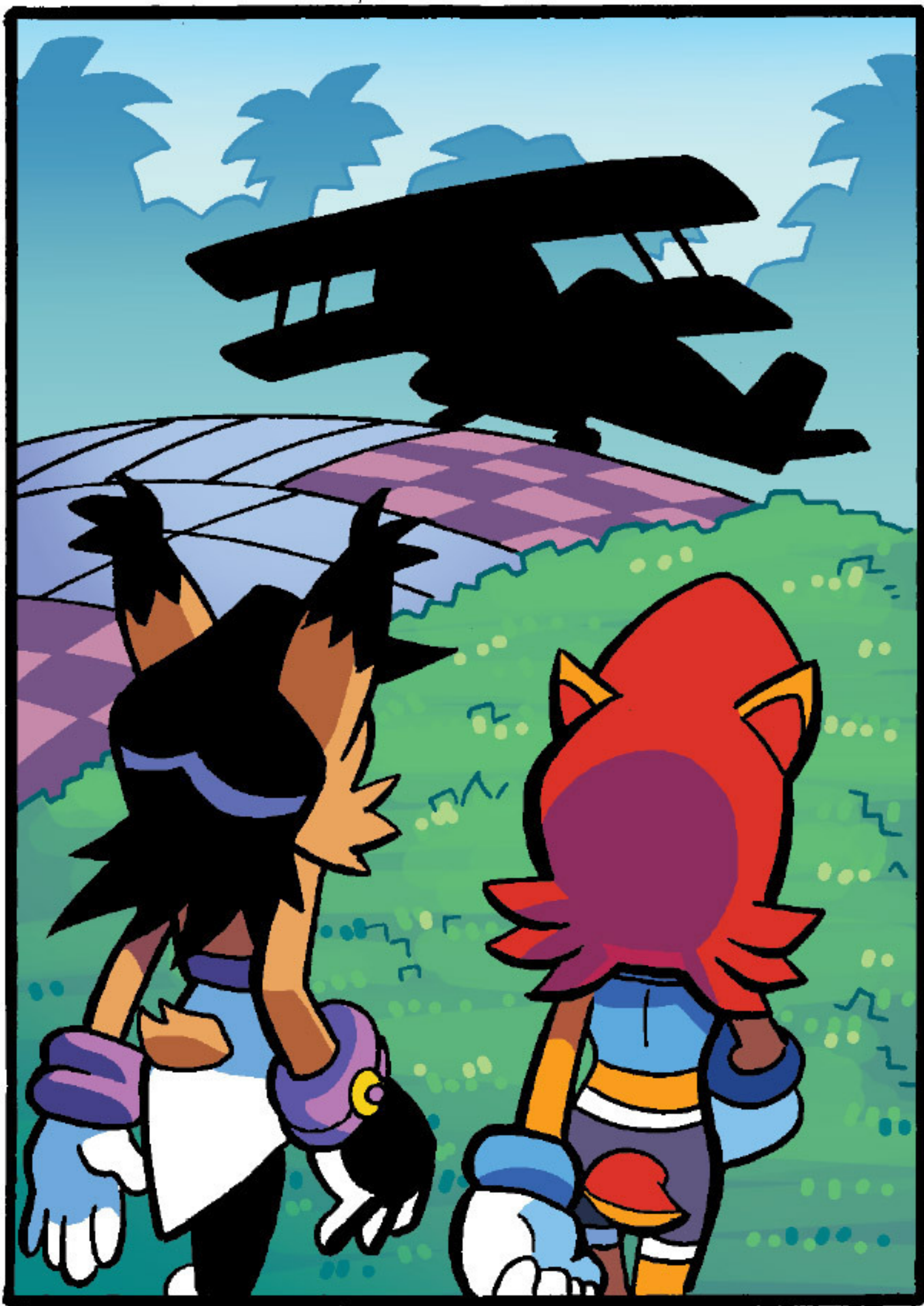
WELL, I GUESS I CAN'T TELL YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING RISKY, SO I'LL JUST WISH YOU GOOD LUCK. SAY HEY TO YOUR DAD FOR ME.

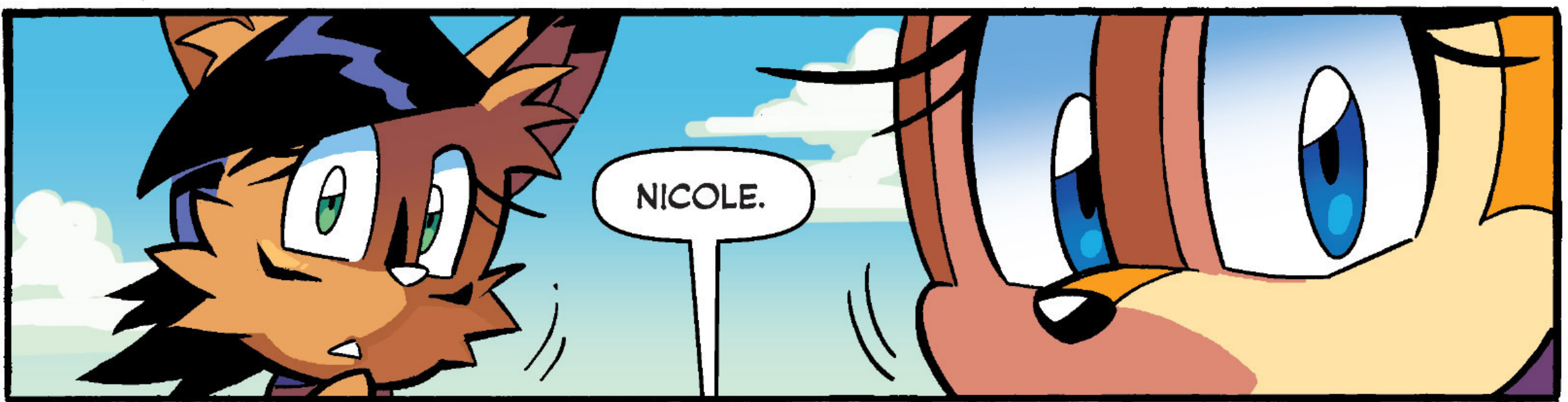
I WILL.



AND, PRINCESS... ONE MORE THING...







NICOLE.



HERE... WHY
DON'T YOU TAKE
THIS ONE FOR
YOURSELF?

FOR
ME?

BUT...
THE LAKE LIKELY
WON'T PRODUCE ANY-
MORE, WITHOUT THE
CHAOS EMERALD.
YOUR RESEARCH...

Eh... IT'S STILL GOING
TO BE A WHILE BEFORE I
GET MY LAB UP AND RUNNING
AGAIN. I WON'T HAVE ANY TIME
TO STUDY IT MYSELF.

YOU'LL PROBABLY
HAVE AN EASIER TIME
OF ANALYZING IT THAN
ME, ANYWAY. JUST BE
SURE TO SEND ME
YOUR FINDINGS,
OKAY?



I... YES, OF
COURSE.

THANK
YOU.



LET'S
GET
GOING!

WELL, THEN...
I GUESS YOU'LL
RIDE THE WAY
BACK IN YOUR
HANDHELD...?

ACTUALLY...



I THINK
THAT, TODAY,
I'D LIKE TO
FEEL THE
WIND ON MY
FACE.



PHAGE HAS BEEN **THWARTED!**

BUT THE FATHER/DAUGHTER REUNION WILL HAVE TO WAIT, BECAUSE THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES IMMEDIATELY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #272, COMING SOON! PLUS, THE RACE IS ON BETWEEN SONIC AND METAL SONIC IN OUR 75TH ISSUE OF SONIC UNIVERSE!

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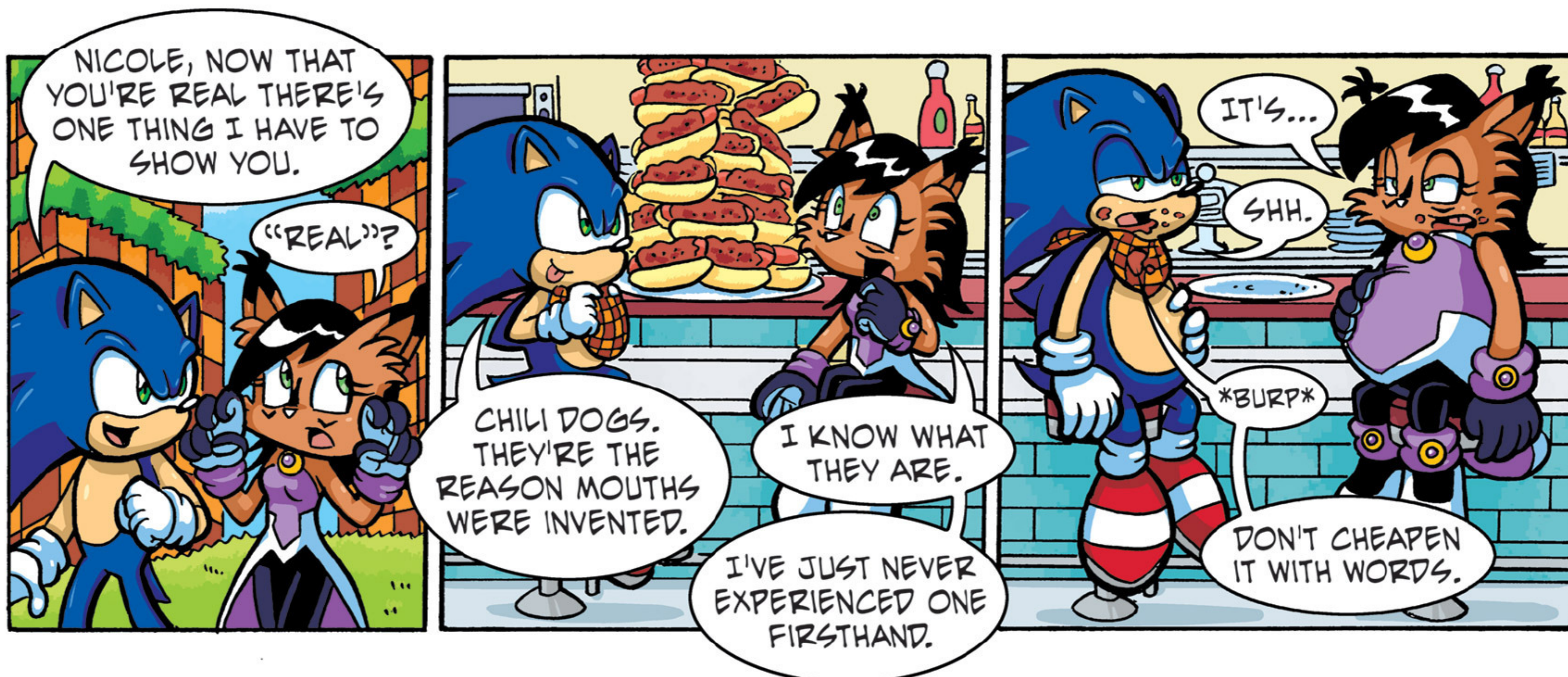
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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hello!

Hey!

This is my second time writing fan mail, hope it finds you well!

It did! It even said hello to me!

Last time I was asking about Nicole and her backstory and was really excited to hear about Spark of Life! I have been hovering by my mailbox waiting for new issues to arrive and I have loved every minute of it!

That's dedication right there! So did you hijack the Egg Mobile so you could hover over your mail box?

On top of that, the current "Champions" story in the other comic line is also keeping me on my toes! Keep up the amazing plots!

Sulla :3 sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Sulla!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hi, I started buying Sonic Universe

comics for my 7 y/o and 11 y/o sons, Connor and Brodie. Connor saw your page for fan art and decided to draw a picture of Tails.

We got the picture! Check out Connor's sweet Tails fan art on the previous page!

I'm sure more are to come, but it sure would make his day to see his first picture printed in a future comic. We've established a subscription at a local comic book store and look forward to reading what's to come.

We'd love to see more of Connor's work! That's fantastic, we hope Connor and Brodie enjoy our upcoming stories!

Thanks for making a great, kid-friendly comic I can enjoy with my children.

James L.
from Californina

Thanks for the kind words, James!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hey there, big fan of the comic, I'll

have the usual.

I see you're one of our regulars!

I really only have one question: is Dulcy coming back? I miss her, and ever since Nicole mentioned that Sally inspired her after the reboot, I've been waiting for her to come back. I hope that if she does, she becomes a permanent Freedom Fighter aboard the Sky Patrol.

Thank you!

-Nicklas W. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing in, Nicklas! On the subject of Dulcy, I can't really say. Only Mr. Ian Flynn knows the real answer! Though I will say, with the recent appearances of characters like Breezie, Honey and a few other classic characters, anything is possible! :D

That's all the room we have! Come on back next month for a furious chase between Sonic and one of his fastest and most dangerous enemies!

COMING SOON!



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